THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 30th January 1961.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Appointments of Supreme Court Judges

*37 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the statement said to have been made by Sri E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker, in the course of his speech at his birthday meeting at Tiruchirappalli reported in the 'Swadesamithran', dated 20th September 1960, in which he is alleged to have stated that he is approached for recommendation for appointments inclusive of Supreme Court Judges; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (on behalf of the hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) The Government have seen the newspaper report.

(*b*) No action was considered necessary.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Is such inactivity on the part of the Government due to the fact that the gentleman is doing propaganda in favour of the party in power?

THE HON. SRI. R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, this is an insinuation and not an interpellation.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Sir, is this propaganda now carried on by him gratuitous, spontaneous and voluntary?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: It does not arise out of the main question, Sir. The hon. Member seems to have much ire against the Government.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: *தனிப்பட்ட மனிதர்கள், தங்களிடம் பல பேர் பல சலுகைகளுக்காக வருவதாகக் கூறிக் கொள்ளும் உரிமையில் அரசாங்கம் தலையிட விரும்புகிறதா?*

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: *எத்தனையோ பேர் என்னவெல்லாமோ சொல்லிக்கொண்டு போகிறார்கள். சில பேர் "மந்திரிகளை நான்தான் நியமித்தேன்" என்று சொல்லிக் கொள்கிறார்கள். இன்னும் சில பேர், "கவர்னரை நான்தான் நியமித்தேன்" என்று சொல்லிக்கொள்கிறார்கள். பிரதம மந்திரியைக் கூடதான் நியமித்ததாகச் சிலர் சொல்லிக் கொள்வதை நான் கேள்விப்பட்டிருக்கிறேன். இதிலெல்லாம் அரசாங்கம் தலையிடவேண்டுமானால், அரசாங்கம் வேறு நிர்வாக வேலை செய்ய முடியாது.*

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Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: May I know when the Hon. the Leader of the House replies to questions on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister, he himself replies to the question or after consulting the Chief Minister?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, this is an internal matter in which the hon. Member is not entitled to any information.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: It is the privilege of this House. The question is addressed to the Hon. the Chief Minister and the Hon. the Leader of the House is replying on his behalf.

Mr. CHAIRMAN: When a reply is given on behalf of some other Minister he is supposed to have consulted the Hon. Minister concerned.

Sri MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: That the Hon. the Leader of the House can say, Sir, that he consulted the Hon. the Chief Minister.

State Transport Buses

* 38 *Q.*—Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received to run State Transport buses from Madras to Thirumazhisai; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Madras State Transport Department is now operating one service on the route Madras to Thirupathi (via) Thirumazhisai. The Government as a policy have decided not to operate new short distance routes and hence it is not proposed to open a new route from Madras to Thirumazhisai.

Sri S. K. SAMBANDHAN: From the reply given by the Government, can it be taken that no route of shorter distance has been opened after that recommendation?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: No; there are two things. The State Transport does not open any short routes. The private operators are certainly allowed to open routes wherever there is a demand.

Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: May I know the definition of a short route?

The Hon. Sri R. VENKATARAMAN: Tentatively we have decided that the State Transport will run buses on routes of over 120 miles only.

S.S.L.C. Public Examination

* 39 *Q.*—Sri T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of candidates examined for the S.S.L.C. Public Examinations held in March 1959 and in March 1960; and

(*b*) the number declared eligible for University Course in each of the above years?